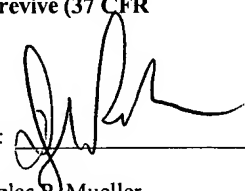


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>				U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) Unknown <b>10/523506</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/010036		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE August 6, 2003		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED August 7, 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF SEPARATING TARGET GAS				
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SUMIDA et al.				
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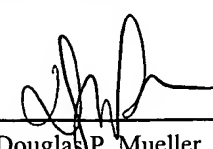
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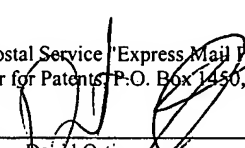
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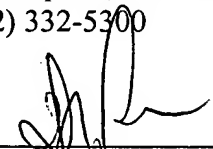
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